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Time Table—Jan 1, 1882.

NORTHWARD:

Saginaw &amp; Ex-

Madi. Bay City &amp; Ex-

Chicago, leave, 9:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.

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Bay City, Arrive, 11:55 m. 9:20 p.m.

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Jackson Express Mail.

Bay City, Leave, 7:00 a.m. 5:25 p.m.

West Bay City, 7:08 a.m. 6:05 p.m.

F. &amp; P. M. Crossing, 7:45 a.m. 6:15 p.m.

North Saginaw, 7:48 a.m. 6:30 p.m.

Saginaw City, 7:58 a.m. 6:30 p.m.

Paines, 8:10 a.m. 6:45 p.m.

St. Charles, 8:30 a.m. 7:10 p.m.

Chesaning, 8:45 a.m. 7:30 p.m.

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Jackson, 11:45 a.m. 10:45 p.m.

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## CHRONOLOGY.

Record of the Year 1882—Accidents, Political Events and Other Important Happenings.

We present below a record in brief of the most notable events of the year 1882, and the date of their occurrence.

### JANUARY.

1.—Five persons killed and many injured by the fall of a tree at Shilohville, Ohio.  
2.—Three children burned to death at Rutherfordburg, N. Y.  
3.—A fight between escaped prisoners and citizens at Grand Prairie, Texas, results in the killing of three of the former and two of the latter. Nine Chicanos massacred by Indians at El Paso, Texas.  
4.—An affray in Montgomery county, Mo., five people killed and several wounded.  
5.—On January 1st, General J. L. several persons crushed to death. Three boys at Oskaloosa, Iowa, blown to atoms by a gunpowder explosion. Congress reassembles after the holiday.

6.—Hangman's day; seven executions in the Gulf of Mexico. Five negro convicts drowned at Little Rock, Ark.

7.—A maniac named Wilton, at Lancaster, Ky., murders his mother, wife and two daughters and hangs himself.

8.—A mother and her children, named Smith, die from dengue near Canton, Mo.

9.—News of the burning of a theater in Bucharest; a number of people cremated.

10.—Intelligence of a serious revolt in Herzegovina.

11.—Three children asphyxiated to death by escaping in a factory at Culin, Ohio.

12.—Dynamite explosion in France kills sixteen people. Extremely cold weather in New England.

13.—The Guitane, at Washington, makes its second trial of the assassin. News of a battle in Mexico, in which ten Indians were killed.

14.—Promoter Gambetta and the entire French Cabinet resign. Four foundrymen accidentally burn themselves to death by the use of a lathe of molten metal.

15.—Destuctive storm throughout the Eastern States. Heavy financial failures in London and other foreign money centers.

16.—Four men killed by a boiler explosion at the U. S. Mint. Garfield's counsel files application for a new trial.

17.—A reservoir burst at Calais, France; overwhelming a school-house and drowning many children. Over 600 fishermen drowned by a gale at Astrakhan.

18.—Disastrous fire in New York; several people cremated.

### FEBRUARY.

1.—Thirty-two miners buried in a coal-pit near Richmond, Pa.

2.—Guiteau, the murderer of President Garfield, denied a new trial and sentenced to life imprisonment.

3.—M. D. W. Washburn, a prominent railroad man, and three other persons killed by a railroad accident in Texas.

4.—A. M. Stetel, a Washington journalist, fatally shot in an affair in the *Republican*, on the Pennsylvania railroad, near Altoona.

5.—Seven persons cremated by the burning of a house near Huntington, Canada.

6.—Fifteen railroad laborers run down by a train and slaughtered in a tunnel at Baltimore.

7.—News of the loss of the British steamer Bahama and twenty-five people bound from Porto Rico to New York.

8.—Congress passes the anti-Polygamy bill. An explosion in a coal mine at Durban, South Africa, kills twenty-four.

9.—Seventeen people killed and seventy wounded by the explosion of a fireworks factory at Chester, Pa. A boiler explosion at Atlanta, Ga., kills six persons. Great fire at Herkimer, N. Y.

10.—Twenty-three men killed by a snow-slide in Utal.

11.—Battle between Austrians and Herzogovinian rebels, in which the latter are routed.

12.—A mine explosion in Austria kills 150 people.

13.—Garfield, memorial exercises in Congress.

### MARCH.

1.—Attempted assassination of Queen Victoria.

2.—A boiler explosion at Stone Station, Ind., kills six men.

3.—Mr. Conkling announces his declination of the Supreme Judgeship, and the place offered to Senator Edwards.

4.—The cause of the overthrow of Southern rivers and suffering caused thereby.

5.—Severe snow and wind-storm throughout the Northwest.

6.—Five men drowned by the sinking of a dredging boat at Bays Point, Mass. Sergeant-Major Conley, a hero in the Civil War, shot dead at Gettysburg.

7.—Sanatorium Pimlico formally declines the Supreme Judgeship, and Judge Blatchford is appointed.

8.—The bill for the suppression of polygamy in the Territories becomes a law by act of Congress.

9.—Five little boys buried alive in an earth-oven at St. Joseph, Mo.

10.—Twelve people buried by a snow avalanche at Genoa, Nev.

11.—A woman, injured by an accident on the Northern Pacific railway, is buried in a railroad cut at Spokane, Wash.

12.—Five men killed by a boiler explosion on a tugboat at Philadelphia.

13.—Reports of the subsidence of the waters in the flooded districts of the Mississippi valley.

14.—A powder explosion at San Francisco kills eleven men. Five people killed near Pittsburgh by falling buildings during a wind-storm.

15.—Four men drowned by the swamping of a boat at Layton's Station, Pa. A fire at Richmond, Va., destroys \$60,000 worth of property.

16.—Tornadoes in Georgia cause great destruction of life and property. Five men killed by a mine explosion at Wilkesboro, Pa.

17.—A woman in Lincoln county, Ark., kills her three children and commits suicide. Burning of the steamer Golden City, at Memphis, Tenn.; thirty lives lost. Two sloops and thirty persons lost off the coast of France. A life-boat and nine men lost at Great Britain.

18.—Twenty people killed in Paulus Hook by lightning at Bushy Park, N. Y., demolishing by dynamite. Gen. Streichoff assassinated at Odessa, Russia.

### APRIL.

1.—Execution of two assassins of Gen. Grant.

2.—Burning of the Susan Ashton at Yankton, Dak., together with four inmates. Suicide of Cornelius J. Vanderbilt, in New York. Three persons killed by a falling wall at Reading, Pa.

3.—Josie James, the noted bandit, killed at St. Joe, Mo.

4.—The President vetoes the bill restricting Chinese immigration.

5.—Disastrous tornadoes in Michigan and Kansas. Several persons killed by a steamboat explosion at Brownsville, Minn.

6.—A train robbed on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe, in Tex. Henry M. Teller, appointed Secretary of the Interior and William E. Chandler Secretary of the Navy.

7.—Severe frost injure the fruit prospects throughout the country.

8.—Seven people killed by a boiler explosion at Baltimore.

9.—President Arthur makes public his de-

cision in the Fink John Porter case.

10.—The Ford boys sentenced to be hanged at St. Joseph, Mo., for the murder of Jesse James.

11.—Gov. Crittenden immediately par-

mutes them.

12.—A cyclone at Brownsville, Mo., kills and wounds many people.

13.—The steamer City of Sanford burned at Jacksonville, Fla., some lives lost.

14.—A fire at the Hotel Plaza in New Mexico and the Pacific road in Texas. Capt. Howgate escapes from prison in Washington.

15.—Fitz-John Porter again appears to the President to carry out the recommendation of the Advisory Board.

16.—The President signs the recommendation of the Advisory Board.

17.—A similar vibration kills fifteen people at Monticello, Miss., and seven at Selma, Ala. News of an Indian outbreak and massacre of whites in Arizona.

18.—The steamer City of Sanford burned at Lake City, Fla., Capt. O. M. Gandy, an acquitted murderer, lynched at Greening, Ind. Horrible massacre by order of the King of Bhamuhi.

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Order your clothes from B. & E.  
Rev. and Mrs. S. Edgecumbe have  
gone to Deerfield, Lenawee Co. for the  
usual holiday visit.

School books at the P. O.

Mrs. A. J. Rose has gone to New  
York for a visit and will probably be  
absent all winter.

New Gilon apples at J. C. Silsbee's.  
Salling Hanson & Co. have changed  
their delivery wagon to a pair of light  
horses, for which the horse gives thanks.

You can always rely on getting choice  
butters at Bliven & Edgecumbe's.

Fine note paper only 10¢ per quire  
at the P. O.

Try those Wool-lined Boots of B. & E.

Dr. Wm. H. Niles arrived here last  
Friday from Ottawa Co. with a car of  
stock, grain, etc., for his Oscoda coun-  
try farm.

If you want a Royal bar soap, go to  
J. C. Silsbee's.

There was about a million and a  
half of lumber on the yard, when the  
mill of Salling Hanson & Co. shut  
down.

A great variety of prints at B. & E's.

Mr. Kneeland, assistant book-keep-  
er for Salling Hanson & Co., has re-  
turned from his vacation and is now at  
his old post.

Sewing machine needles and attach-  
ments at the P. O.

Syrups and Molasses at B. & E's.

Hartwick's hop on Monday evening  
was well attended, and all agreed that  
he fully sustained his reputation for  
giving a nice party.

Do not forget that nice mince meat  
at J. C. Silsbee's, only 10 cents a lb.

Our thanks are due Hon. T. W.  
Ferry for copies of the congressional  
record of the 47th congress.

Harpers School Books at the Post  
Office at publishers' prices.

Dried Peaches and corn at B. & E's.

Mr. S. Leggett, the popular clerk of  
Finn's, has gone to his old home in  
Richmond, Macomb Co., for the holidays.  
He left orders for the AVALANCHE to  
follow him while absent.

Hosiery by the "million" at B. & E.  
Superintendent Vaughn and the offi-  
cers of the road made a trip of inspection  
over the entire line a few days  
since. Of course they stopped here  
for a square meal with Maxwell.

Fresh cookies at J. C. Silsbee's, on-  
ly 12 cents per pound.

Dr. Davis trot out his 2-28 team in  
a new harness, new bells and slashing  
nice cutter.

Thorley's Horse, Cattle, Pig, Sheep  
and Hen food sold at B. & E's.

On account of the illness of Mr.  
Strunk, who is foreman, compositor  
and devil, the "old man" had to take  
his place, so all errors can be charged  
to him. George Powers kindly helped  
us out on the home stretch.

Headquarters for school books and  
stationery at the P. O.

Wm. Reed has assumed the position  
of baggage master at the depot in this  
city. As he is not a giant, perhaps it  
will be safer for the baggage.

Powder and shot at B. & E's.

Rev. Mr. Edgecumbe being absent,  
the M. E. pulpit will be supplied next  
sabbath-morning by Dr. Woodward.

Thorley's horse and cattle feed, at  
J. C. Silsbee's.

Mr. E. Wilson has opened a general  
store at Fredericville, which promises  
to make it more lively in that village.  
Crawford county is becoming.

A nice line of wool and leather gloves  
and mittens, at Bliven & Edgecumbe's.

Mr. Geo. Shaffer met with a serious  
accident at Cheboygan, a few days  
since. Being caught in a frog while  
coupling cars. We have not learned  
the particulars or how bad the injury  
really is, but hear that he is recovering.

The following are the pupils of the  
higher department of School dist. No.  
one, who did not whisper during the  
week ending Friday, Dec. 22: Frank  
Bell, Maggie Hanson, Andra Emma  
Updike, Vena Jones, Josie Jones,  
Eddie Hartwick, Madius Hansen,  
Matilda Hanson, Nettie Traver, Annie  
McDonald, Delia Raymond, Besse  
Mickelson and Nellie Sanderson. Did  
not whisper for four of the five days.

James Hartwick and Fred Rose whis-  
pered every day. Lulu Nichols and  
Willie Masters whispered four of the  
five days.

J. E. Farrett, Teacher.

B. & E. sell the "Boss" 50 cent tea.

There was never known a more beau-  
tiful week for the Holiday time, than  
the present, and everybody seems to  
be enjoying it. The sleighing is perfect  
and the weather but just cold enough  
to hold it. We extend to all the cus-  
tomers greeting.

### GRAYLING.

the people.

PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY.  
As the year is drawing to a close we  
cast a retrospective glance over it and  
allow the changes of that time to pass  
in panoramic view before our mental  
vision, and as the picture is pleasing to us,  
we will portray it faintly for our  
readers, though as we write in the sol-  
itude of our sanctum and entirely from  
memory, we shall undoubtedly omit  
much that should be mentioned.

In the opening of the year the mill  
of Salling Hanson & Co. was shut  
down for repairs, which, when com-  
pleted, so changed the place that it  
would not have been recognized as the  
same. A new engine, new and im-  
proved machinery, extensive additions  
to building, tramways and side-tracks,  
at an expense of nearly \$10,000, has  
doubled the capacity of the concern,  
and it has been pushed to its utmost  
in the correct business manner of this  
enterprising firm.

Palmer's planing mill was begun in  
February, and though not yet com-  
plete has made a satisfactory record  
for the year under the management  
of J. W. Jordan as foreman. The  
present machinery has had nearly all  
that it could do in supplying the home  
demand for dressed lumber of different  
kinds. Additional machinery is ex-  
pected for next season's work.

The M. C. R. R. Co. began early in  
the year with improvements which can-  
not fail to be of permanent benefit to  
the place. Making this point—which  
is just midway between Bay City and  
Mackinaw—a division of the road, they  
first erected a mammoth tank, the  
finest between Jackson and the  
Straits, then a round house with stalls  
for six of their iron steeds, several  
miles of new sidings, and a passenger  
depot of which many a large city would  
be proud. The building is 40x140 feet,  
the larger part of it two stories in  
height, comprising a baggage room,  
two large waiting rooms, telegraph and  
ticket office, lunch room, and a dining  
room that will seat nearly a hundred,  
kitchen, laundry, etc., with sleeping  
rooms and offices above. The lunch  
and dining room is under the manage-  
ment of Mr. Albert Maxwell, a veteran  
hotel man, well and favorably known  
by the traveling public, in whose hands  
it is a perfect success.

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Wm. Putnam.

Grayling, Mich., Dec. 26, 1882.  
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Now is the time for brain farming,  
while the plow and harrow are silent and cold winds rattle the window  
panes; the farmer's brain should be active, in imagination, sowing, cultivating  
and reaping the yet future crops of  
83.

The old theory, that any fool can  
make a successful farmer, has long  
since been exploded, it is dead and  
buried alongside the theory that Craw-  
ford will never be an agricultural country.  
To be a successful farmer, one must possess an energetic, active brain  
ready to grasp a new idea, a brain cap-  
able of sifting the chaffy ideas from  
the ones of real merit, to profit by the  
past experience and success or failure  
of others.

One item for the farmer's serious  
thoughts, is the saving and manufacture  
of fertilizers. Nothing is better than  
common barnyard manure. Chemical  
fertilizers will stimulate a crop and give large returns for the mon-  
ey invested, yet for real lasting value  
the refuse from stock feeding is far  
ahead. Even in this country one will  
see manure heaps lying where they are  
exposed to all kinds of weather and  
drenching rains. What would you  
think of a farmer after harvesting his  
grain, if he would throw it in a loose  
pile and then let it remain all winter?  
You would doubtless say that he was  
one of the fools trying to make a suc-  
cessful farmer. Yet is it any more sensi-  
ble to waste the material with which  
you pay your land in advance, for  
future crops? If it will pay to shelter crops  
after they are produced, it will pay to  
shelter the principal material used in  
their production, if that material can  
be injured by exposure to the weather.

Mr. G. B. Sanderson has erected a  
boarding-house on North Cedar street,  
which has been crowded since its open-  
ing, though it covers over 1,200 square  
feet on the ground and is two stories in  
height.

On Michigan avenue, Mr. Wm. A.  
Masters, who presides over the U. S.  
mail, has erected an elegant store, 21x  
45 feet, two stories. The first floor is  
occupied in part by J. C. Silsbee, gen-  
eral grocer, and the balance by Mr.  
Masters with the post office and a stock  
of books, stationery and fancy goods.

Salling Hanson & Co. have added  
22x75 feet to their salesroom, and the  
store occupied by Dr. N. H. Traver  
with drugs, medicines, furniture, etc.,  
has been lengthened 30 feet and the  
whole building thoroughly overhauled  
so that it now exhibits a modern style  
of neatness and convenience.

J. M. Finn has added 20x45 feet to  
his salesroom, making a fine double-  
store, but yet lacks room for.

The store of Geo. Comer, enclosed  
last year, has been completed, and is  
now occupied by Bliven & Edgecumbe  
with a general stock of dry goods and  
groceries, and by Mrs. T. W. Mitchell,  
milliner.

On the corner of Michigan avenue  
and Cedar street, Olson & Jepson  
have erected a two-story building, 21x  
45 feet, occupied by a saloon and billiard  
parlors.

J. W. Sorenson has entirely remod-  
eled the Manistee Hotel, and it is now  
in fine shape and crowded with regular  
boarders and transient custom.

On Norway street, Mr. Garrett Mead  
has erected a fine store, 25x50 feet, two  
stories high, occupied by H. L. Great-  
head & Co., dry goods and clothing.

Mr. Andrew Peterson has secured a  
corner in the new room of Salling  
Hanson & Co., where he exhibits a  
magnificent stock of clocks, watches  
and jewelry.

The veterinarian, R. S. Bibbitt, on Nor-  
way street, with plenty of help, re-  
pairs the understanding and sole of

the people.

PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY.

As the year is drawing to a close we  
cast a retrospective glance over it and  
allow the changes of that time to pass  
in panoramic view before our mental  
vision, and as the picture is pleasing to us,  
we will portray it faintly for our  
readers, though as we write in the sol-  
itude of our sanctum and entirely from  
memory, we shall undoubtedly omit  
much that should be mentioned.

The entire aspect of the city has been  
changed and we are fast assuming met-  
ropolitan airs. The new dwellings are  
nearly all neat and commodious  
structures, varying in cost from \$300  
to \$3,000, and number about 40, while  
the prospect for next season is much  
better than it was a year ago.

### A CARD.

Mr. Editor, I should fail in a positive  
duty, as well as a sincere pleasure were  
I to neglect, in this public manner  
through your columns, to acknowledge  
my appreciation and gratitude for  
marked favors shown me by the people of Fredericksburg on Thursday  
evening, Dec. 21st.

The occasion was an oyster supper  
gotten up by the ladies for my benefit,  
and held at the residence of my kind  
friend F. L. Barker. Over fifty persons  
were present and took supper, which was a very large representation  
of the population of the place. And  
while the excellent and abundant table  
and contents, richly furnished in quality  
and quantity, filled the longing interior  
to perfect satisfaction, the net  
profits of the occasion, amounting to  
nearly twenty dollars, aided materially  
to fill the purse of the recipient.

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